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### **OFFICE OF STATE CONTROLLER EXPANDS CJLEADS TO STANLY, UNION AND ANSON COUNTIES**

*New Database That Helps Catch Criminals Continues Rolling Out Statewide*

State Controller David McCoy today expanded CJLEADS (Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Automated Data Services) to criminal justice professionals in Stanly, Union, and Anson counties. At the events today were area legislators as well as criminal justice professionals (law enforcement officers, district attorneys, judges, magistrates and clerks) in the respective counties.

“Expanding CJLEADS to the entire state is one of my goals,” Gov. Perdue said. “This program empowers law enforcement officials, from the officers and deputies on the road to the clerks in the courthouse, with the tools they need to better keep criminals off the streets.”

“As we have rolled out CJLEADS to other areas of the state, I have been encouraged by the enthusiasm and feedback from criminal justice professionals about this new tool that replaces the manual process of looking up historical criminal data from multiple systems and reduces the risk of overlooking critical data,” said Controller David McCoy. “Criminal justice professionals who are now using CJLEADS have reported numerous instances where the program has helped them catch criminals, and saved them time and money as well.”

Gov. Perdue supported additional funding for the testing and expansion of CJLEADS in her budget proposal which was funded by the General Assembly. CJLEADS integrates data found within the state’s various criminal justice applications and provides up-to-date criminal information in a centralized location via a secure connection for use by state and local government criminal justice professionals. CJLEADS has two primary objectives: to provide a comprehensive view of an offender through a single application, allowing for positive identification of an offender through a photographic image; and to provide an “offender watch” capability to alert criminal justice professionals when an offender has a change in status.

At the kick-off meetings, OSC provided a demonstration of CJLEADS and coordinated training schedules with the local criminal justice organizations. Criminal justice professionals can begin to use CJLEADS after completing the training classes. OSC will continue expanding CJLEADS throughout the State during the next 18 months.

Session Law 2008-107, House Bill 2436 recognized the urgent need for state-of-the-art integrated criminal justice information and authorized the OSC to begin work on the project.

The Office of State Controller deployed the CJLEADS program to Wake County as a pilot in July, 2010. OSC is now proceeding with the statewide deployment. Phase I deployment activities began in December and will

continue through June, 2011. Subsequently, Phase II and Phase III will continue from July, 2011 through June, 2012. The deployment will provide all federal, state and local criminal justice organizations with operational presence in the State of North Carolina the opportunity to complete on-boarding activities and begin training personnel for access to CJLEADS. To minimize deployment costs, OSC is working closely with state and local organizations to leverage available training facilities, implement Train the Trainer programs, minimize travel through the use of web-based training classes and up to date electronic documentation.

Several agencies that are part of the Wake County pilot project already have shared results of having access to CJLEADS:

### **North Carolina State Fair**

Law enforcement, using sophisticated GIS monitoring capabilities, determined that a registered sex offender, legally prohibited from attending the state fair, was physically located within the state fair grounds during the 2010 NC State Fair. Using their GIS grid mapping technology, along with a photo image printed from CJLEADS, law enforcement officials were able to quickly locate, apprehend, and remove the person from the fair grounds.

### **Cary Police Department**

The Cary Police Department shared several experiences with CJLEADS.

“I went to class two weeks ago. Since then I placed all of the probationers, sex offenders, and gang members from my district on my watch list. I have received about 5 alerts/updates from my list already. I have 193 people on my list. This past weekend we used it to find a warrant on a subject. This might be the best tool we currently have in our toolbox.”

“I was attempting to serve a warrant for a suspect with a long history of drug use and possession. All attempts failed because he had not updated his address in over a year and had no work history. But I used CJLEADS and ran his information through that site. I was able to find an updated address because he gave his Probation Officer his current address. He was living with his girlfriend and they used her name to get an apartment in the same complex as his old address. Management thought he had moved and had no idea he was living with this lady. I made contact at her address: he was located and taken into custody. If not for CJLEADS I would have had the warrant returned to the clerk as unable to locate. To me that was a success for us and the Town of Cary.”

“I have been able to track a habitual DWI offender who was arrested on his second habitual DWI after failing to show up for sentencing on my habitual DWI. I only learned about the subsequent arrest because of CJLEADS. I was able to go into NCAWARE and add a comment to his profile about his failure to appear problem. Consequently, on his 2<sup>nd</sup> arrest since he failed to appear on my habitual DWI sentencing, he was given a high enough bond that has been in jail for about two months at this point with no signs he will be getting out any time soon. This guy poses a potential death sentence to anyone he meets on the road. Hopefully because of the CJLEADS notifications, we have put him behind bars for good.”

These testimonials and additional information about CJLEADS can be found on our website <http://www.cjleads.nc.gov>. For an online demonstration of CJLEADS please go to: [http://www.osc.nc.gov/cjleads/NCCJLeads\\_Demo\\_rev02.swf](http://www.osc.nc.gov/cjleads/NCCJLeads_Demo_rev02.swf).

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